

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/709,989
Docket No.: 12960-US-PA

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement dated February 07, 2006 requires the Applicant to elect one species from Species I described in claims 1-8 and 13-16, and Species II described in claims 9-12. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Species I (claims 1-8 and 13-16) with traverse. Currently, claims 1-8 and 13-16 should be examined on merits.

The Office Action dated February 7, 2006 indicates that the invention can be shown to be distinct because (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP 806.05h). Applicants respectfully disagree with this indication because some feature (for example, first light emitting areas and second light emitting areas) recited in claims 1-8 and 13-16 are also recited in claims 9-12. Specifically, claims 1-8 and 13-16 describe a CCFL having a plurality of first light emitting areas and second light emitting areas and claims 9-12 describe a driving method of a CCFL having a plurality of first light emitting areas and second light emitting areas. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that claims 1-16 should be deemed a same species.

Applicants also reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

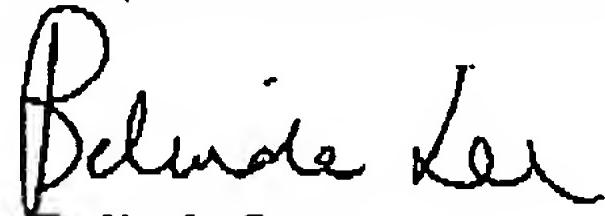
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CONCLUSION

In response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed on February 07, 2006, a complete listing of all of the claims is presented herewith. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the application.

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